

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent 7,470,355. Additionally, all the pending claims 1-23 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over (1) claims 1-12 of co-pending Application No. 10/575,800; and (2) claims 1-19 of co-pending U.S. application No. 10/573,434. A Notice of Express Abandonment was filed expressly abandoning Application No. 10/573,434, a copy of which is attached at Tab 1. As for the obviousness type rejection based on US Patent 7,470,355 and Application No. 10/575,800, a Terminal Disclaimer is provided.

It is believed that all the claims are in condition to be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 321-4276 if such communication would expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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TAB 1

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Dear Sir:

Applicants request that the subject application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this paper.

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